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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
FUMIAKI ITO, et al.) : Examiner: Ella Colbert
Application No.: 08/863,047) : Group Art Unit: 3624
Filed: May 23, 1997) :
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METHOD, SYSTEM AND)
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, which is being filed with a Request For
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please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

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